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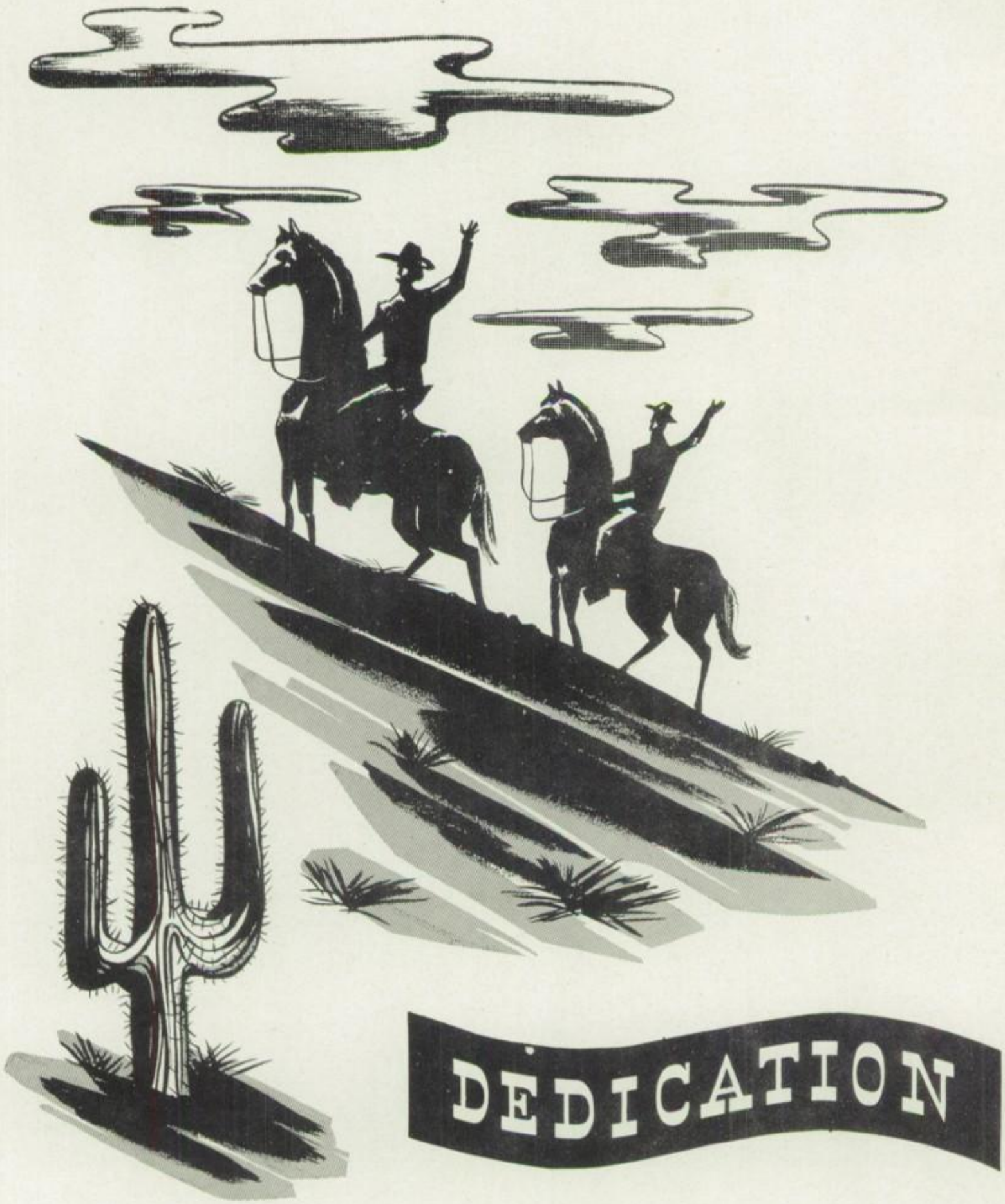


DEDICATION

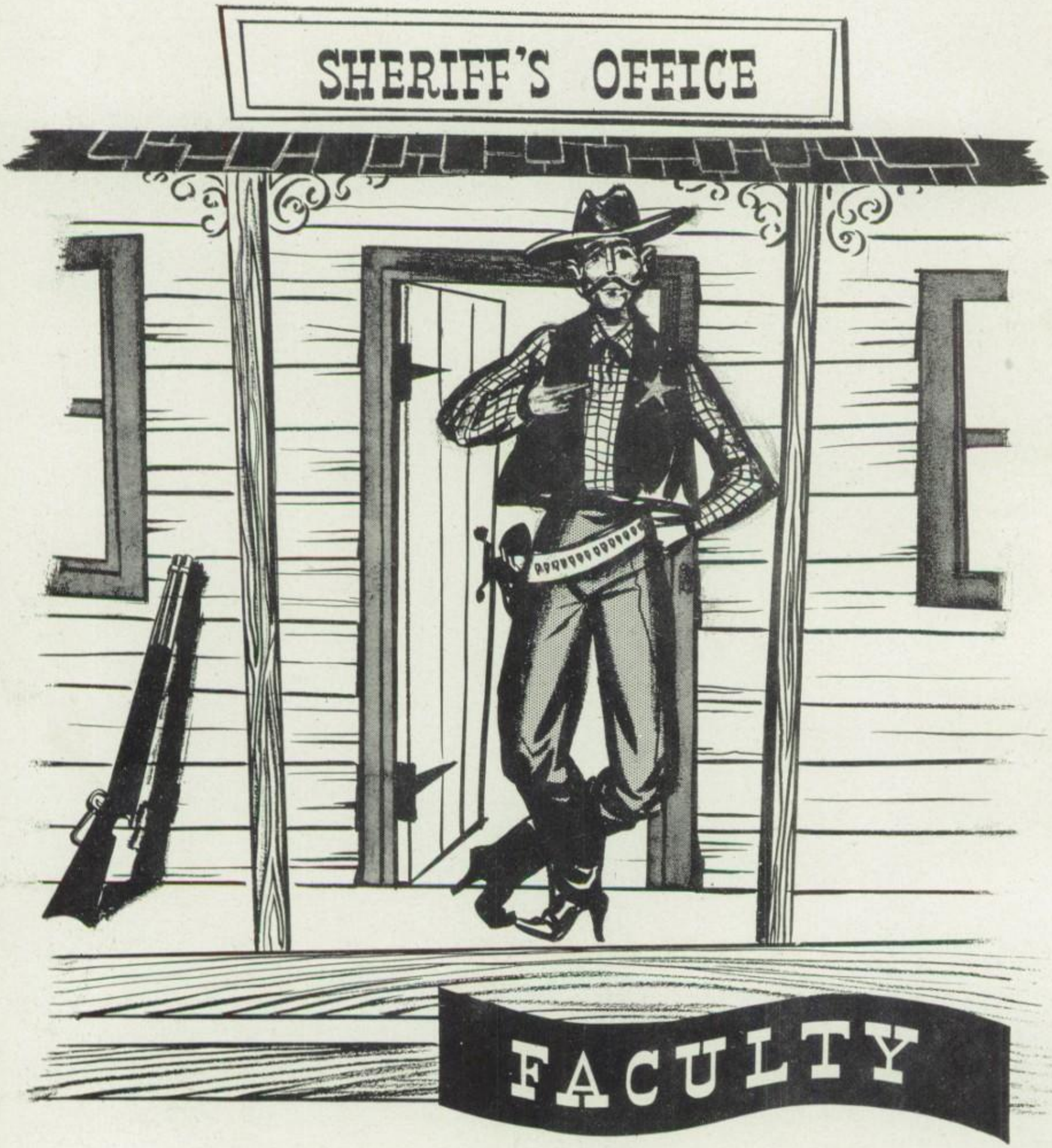
This Annual Is Dedicated To:

ADA E. MANNING

We, the Class of 1952, are proud to dedicate this annual to Mrs. Manning.

She has not only been our teacher for the past four years, but also a thoughtful friend and wise, amiable advisor.

In this dedication we wish to convey our appreciation for her constant efforts as sponsor of the annual.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The Class of '52 has considered it a great honor to be able to continue working on the Coyote staff to put out the paper and the annual. They have greatly enjoyed and appreciated the help of Mrs. Manning. The Senior English class has published the Coyote the last Wednesday of each month.

The annual was started first of October. The dummy copy was made and sent to the company for publication the first of February.

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Class Colors

LAVENDAR AND YELLOW

RICHARD RAY HICKS
"Rich"
He that is over-cautious will accomplish but very little.
General Course
Secretary 4; Class Play 3, 4; "M" Club 3, 4; Boys' Chrous 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Mixed Octette 3; Octette 4; Football 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

RUTH JANETTE STEVENS
"Stevie"
To be yourself is one thing, to act yourself is quite another.
Normal Training
Girls' State 3; Cheerleader 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President 4; Triple Trio 3; Class Vice-President 2; Mixed Octette 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 3; Student Council 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Color Day Attendant 3; Clarinet Quartette 3; Color Day Queen 4.

JOHN DARRYLE BREWER
"Johnny"
Every man has three characters: that which he exhibits, that which he has, and that which he thinks he has.
General Course
Class Play 3, 4; Vice-President 3, 4; Student Council 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; "M" Club 3, 4; Boys' Chorus 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Mixed Octette 3; Octette 3; Quartette 3; Football Co-Captain 4; Color Day King 4.

LEONA GLEE HARROLD
"Glee"
There is only one good, that is knowledge; there is only one evil, that is ignorance.
Normal Training Course
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 3, 4; Glee Club 3; Student Director 3; Play 4; Pep Club Vice-President 4.

WILLIAM H. WAGNER
"Willie"
An educated man is one who knows a lot and says nothing about it.
General Course
Boys' Glee 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Basketball 1; Football 1; Track 1; Class Play 4; Boys' Pep Club 3.

Class Flower

YELLOW CARNATION

FRANKLYN MANNING
"Frankie"
A true friend is the greatest of all blessings.
General Course
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Boys' Chorus 3, 4; Class President 2, 3; Class Play 3, 4; "M" Club 3, 4; Mixed Octette 3, 4; Football Captain 4; "M" Club President 3; Boys' State 3; Student Council 1.

VIRGINIA ELAINE SEEVERS
"Elaine"
The more one works, the more willing one is to work.
Normal Training
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Trio 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Vocal Solo 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Pep Club Secretary 4; Class Treasurer 1; Class Secretary 3; Mixed Octette 3; Brass Quartet 3; Music-Clinic-Scottsbluff 3.

KARL MILLER
"Karl"
A little work, a little sleep, a little love makes his life complete.
General Course
Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Boys' Chorus 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Mixed Octette 3; Boys' Octette 3; "M" Club 3, 4.

ARLENE BARRETT
"Arlene"
She's a delightful combination of mischief and virtues.
General Course
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Class Play 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; Color Day Attendant 4.

MARION OLSON
"Pooch"
His smiles are brighter than the sun,
All his deeds are full of fun.
General Course
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Boys' Glee 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Student Council 4; "M" Club 3, 4.

Class Motto

We Have Crossed The Harbor; The Ocean Lies Before Us.

PATRICIA McCARTY
"Pat"
You can do what you want to do, if you want to do it hard enough to do it.
Normal Training
Class President 1; Student Council 1; Class Treasurer 4; Pep Club Treasurer 4; Volleyball 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3, 4.

REBA LA DONNA SELLS
"Dawn"
Ambition has no rest.
Normal Training
Class Vice-President 1; Class Secretary 2; Student Council 3; Class Play 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club President 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Mixed Octette 3, 4; Triple Trio 3, 4; Clarinet Quartette 2.

STANLEY D. YOUNG
"Stan"
A blush is beautiful, but often inconvienient.
Agricultural and Normal Training Courses
Band 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3; Jr. Ak-Sar-Ben 2; F. F. A. 1; Basketball 4; Track 4.
*UNSA Curtis, Broken Bow.

MARY JAQUE BITNER
Sponsor
Age is a matter of feeling not of years.

CLARKE ADAMS
Superintendent
He has as many ups and downs as an elevator operator, and like him he tries to be pleasant to everybody.

Class History

Hark, ye readers! And read this poem.
'Tis the history of us, as we first left home.

The first of us to form this band
Was Ruth Janette and Elaine so grand.

We entered the room where Miss Ftnner taught,
And learned to read and all knowledge sought.

La Donna Sells found Anselmo tough,
So came to Merna to learn her stuff.

Now Franklyn and Willie joined our crew.
We caught up with them in year number two.

Miss Sterner taught our third grade year.
This grade to us was very dear.

We studied hard in Miss Asher's room,
So that failure in life was not our doom.

We journeyed further down the hall.
Miss Beavers taught our class so small.

Our education became greater still
Under the supervision of Miss Pauline Hill.

Our class again increased by two
With Johnny and Dick. What would we do?

Arlene then came to work and play,
And join in graduation day.

Up the flight of stairs we climbed,
As Freshmen, we began our grind.

First Glee, and Marion, and then came Pat,
In the Freshman row, they timidly sat.

In our Sophomore year, Karl Miller arrived
To our good class, as he surmised.

Our Junior year was a busy time.
To miss this fun would have been a crime

"Later that Night" was our Junior play,
On this we studied night and day.

In behalf **of the Seniors**, a ban**quet we** gave
In colonial style. Oh how they did rave!

Our Senior play brought fun and work
With our annual and paper, we'd never shirk.

Our class again increased by one,
When to our school came Stanley Young.

We had studied hard for weeks and weeks,
So Mr. Adams agreed that we'd earned our sneak.

A banquet was given in honor of us
By the Junior class; they made a great fuss.

At last our years in school were complete;
The problems of life we were ready to meet.

So we graduated and went our way,
But **we'll always** remember our happy school days.

Baby Daze

Class Will

We, the Senior Class of Merna High School, in the year of Our Lord, 1951-52, hereby leave this last will and testament to the underclassmen and teachers of Merna High School. To the Junior class we will our patient and understanding sponsor, Miss Bitner, our ability to get along in school to the Sophomores, and to the Freshmen our ability to study.

I, Arlene Barrett, will my artistic talents to Joe Evans, and my ability to play volleyball to Jane Harrold.

I, John Brewer, will my ability to tease girls to Bernard Manning, my guard position on the basketball team to Billy Dean Hircock.

I, Glee Harrold, will my thinness to Barbara Kinish, my place to stay at Mrs. Peters to Mary K. Downey.

I, Richard Hicks, will my extension course to any person with the brain of Einstein, my basketball ability to Junior Souders.

I, Pat McCarty, will my ability to not get caught chewing gum to Keith Leibhart, and my bass drum to anyone who can carry it at the football games.

I, Franklyn Manning, will my halfback position to Dick Graybeal, and my ability to go steady so long to Shirley Lauer.

I, Karl Miller, will my athletic ability to Richard Lauer, and my singing ability to Elwood Seevers.

I, Marion Olson, will my ability to get out of work to Jim Souders, and my quietness to Inez Jones.

I, Elaine Seevers, will my singing ability to Iona Goodner, and my temper to Carl Koeffler.

I, La Donna Sells, will my sweaters to Winnie Ann Hickman, and my job as editor to Ardis McCaslin.

I, Ruth Stevens, will my Pep Club uniform to Ardis Sterner, and my good sportsmanship to anyone who can uphold it.

I, Willie Wagner, will my old Ford to David Weatherly, and my ability to get out of school to anyone who can get away with it.

I, Stanley Young, will my tallness to Ervin Seeger, and my boots to Dick Worth.

We the Senior class will:
To Mrs. Manning, a new mimograph machine.
To Mr. Adams, all gum wads.
To Mr. Rischling, our singing ability.
To Mr. Jacobson, all history books.
To Mrs. Vance, the old English work books.
To Mr. Stroud, our ability to keep the school clean.
To Mrs. Coleman, our big appetites.
To Miss. Bitner, our class sponsor, we will our gratitude for her untiring effort as class sponsor.

Senior Class

Merna, Nebraska
May 23, 1962

Dear Willie,

I received your letter asking about our graduating class that graduated back in 1952. What memories it brings back.

I am visiting in the home of Mrs. Bruce Cole, formerly La Donna Sells. She is helping me write this letter to you.

I am an Army sergeant in the South Pacific, as you know. I just got back to the United States on a long awaited furlough. I am at long last giving some orders not receiving them like in good '52.

So glad to hear of your good fortune of being editor of the Denver Post.

Franklyn is now a farmer on the outskirts of Merna. He took Shirley Hirsch for his bride and they are raising a lovely family of five children.

Surely you have heard of Arlene. She has become quite a famous ballet dancer. She now is making a tour of the country and has a home in Hollywood.

Pat loves her job as an airline hostess for United Air Lines. She is engaged to a captain in the Air Force.

Dick has found himself a prominent spot in television for he is competing with Bob Hope for a comedian show.

Johnnie has found that the race track attracts him. He has filled his life ambition as being a jockey. He has ridden several winners and he will ride in the Kentucky Derby this year.

Elaine has become a very successful singer. Perhaps you have heard some of her records put out by Victor recordings. Elaine is very happily married to her fourth husband out in Beverly Hills, California.

Glee continued her studies at Kearney. She is now sitting on the other side of the desk as a teacher in the Merna High School. She is now teaching her pet peeve, history.

Ruth Stevens is now making good as senator at Lincoln in the Nebraska legislature. She has made out quite well and it is rumored that she will run for governor next election.

Karl Miller has now teamed up with Gary Crosby. He and Gary have signed a contract to make a movie. He is considered to be an eligible and wealthy bachelor.

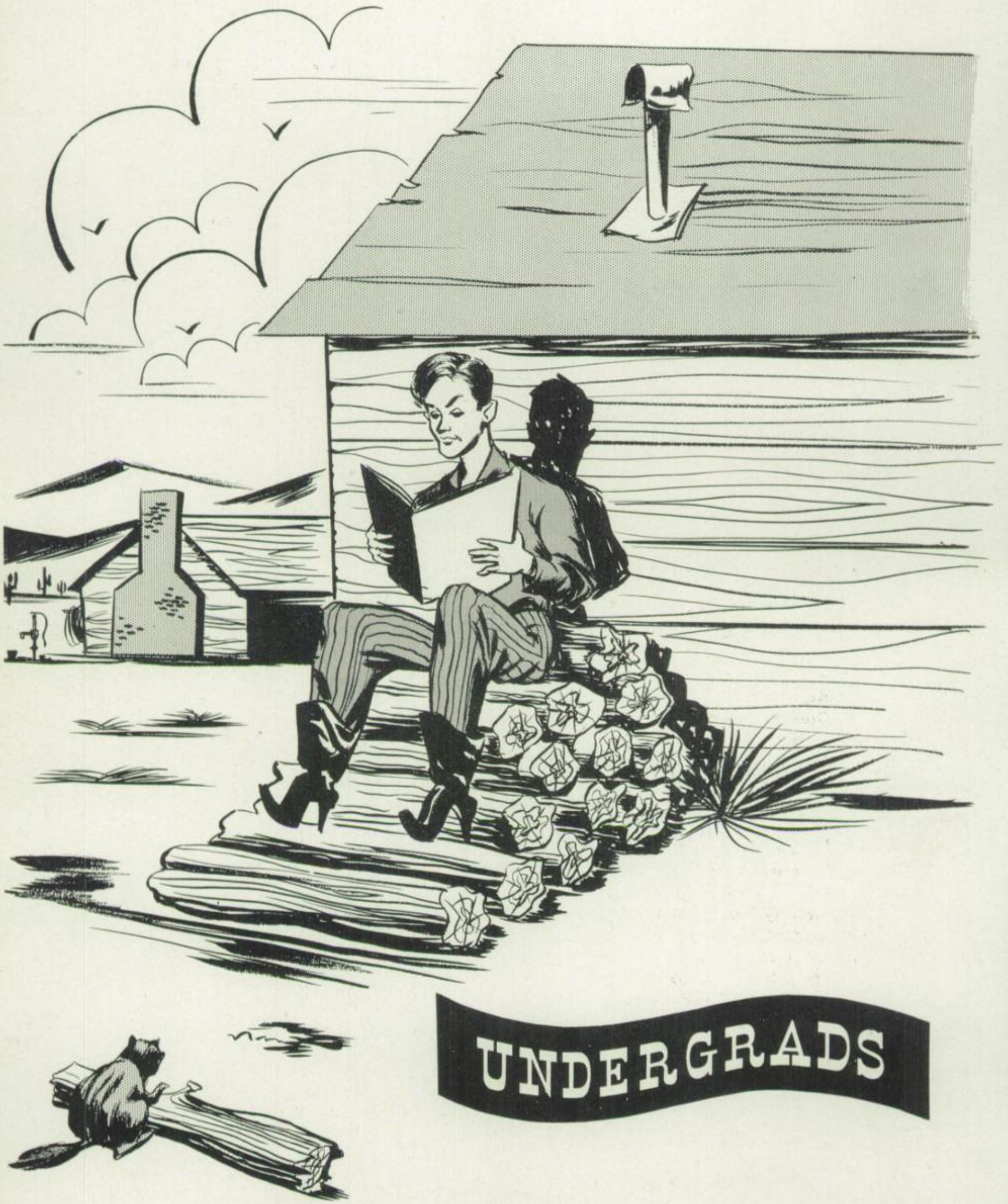
Stanley Young has organized a midget show which has been quite successful because of the contrast of Stanley's height and that of the performers.

Miss Bitner long left Merna to accept a position in Lincoln as a teacher in the University of Nebraska.

Maybe we all shall meet again someday, but until then, keep up the good work.

Be seeing you.

Your old classmate,
Marion



UNDERGRADS

In Memory of

Lyle James Fritz

Lyle James Fritz, a member of the Freshman class, was born November 29, 1937 and died January 3, 1952.

For the past five years he had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Saylor. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Fritz of Anselmo.

There was not a face or a name that Lyle did not know around Merna. It was something in which he alone took pride.

In passing, Lyle left a part of himself with all of us. This was his example of friendliness and cheerfulness.

The Class of "53"

Viola Anderson

Mr. Adams

Jim Soulders

Janet Polreich

Bernard Manning

Jeanne Grantzinger

Ivan Geiser

Shirley Gehrman

Elwood Seevers

Ardis Sterner

Ervin Seeger

Barbara Kinnish

Joe Evans

Shirley Lauer

Bill Bailey

Leona Seevers

David Weatherly

Coralyn Anderson

Barbara Yeck

Dorothy Barrett

Deloris Mannel

Ardis McCaslin

Sophomore Class

BACK ROW: I. Goodner, B. Hircock, W. Hickman, W. Booton, M. Downey.
FRONT ROW: Mrs. Vance, J. Sells, S. Hirsch, V. Souders, D. Graybeal, B. Bigbee, K. Leibhart, C. Koeffler.

Freshman Class

BACK ROW: L. Fritz (deceased) D. Meinhart, R. Lauer, I. Jones, D. Davy, K. Hall, W. Weatherly, P. Barrett, S. Davolt, J. Harrold.
FRONT ROW: Mr. Jacobson, R. Kennedy, D. Williams, D. Worth, K. Natchman, E. Franssen, J. Manning, D. Malcom, R. Goodner, G. Keoffler.

4th 5th and 6th

BACK ROW: R. Clay, B. Gillam, J. Davy, A. Williams, R. Kennedy, C. Hircock, L. Van Arsdale, J. McCarthy, J. Christensen, J. McCarty, D. Weatherly, C. Harrold.
SECOND ROW: F. Emerson, W. Wood, C. Martin, C. Sells, L. Safranek, V. Sterner, C. Thomas, B. Downey, V. Yeck, C. Hunt, D. Stevens, J. Worth, J. Esch, P. Waffensmith.

7th and 8th

BACK ROW: E. Jones, D. Lauer, G. Grantzinger, M. Yeck, R. Tomas, D. Davey, R. Hickman.
SECOND ROW: R. Olson, P. McCarthy, M. Cody, S. Gehrman, E. Butler, J. Hicks, J. Bigbee, L. Weatherly.
THIRD ROW: D. Cantrell, P. Ragsdale, F. Hircock, J. Clay, G. Rodd, B. McCarthy, K. Olson, D. Hickman, G. Cody.

Kindergarten and 1st

TOP ROW: J. Hircock, R. Williams, V. Hicks, S. Delay, L. VanArsdale, S. Dovorak, W. Olson, C. Burton, J. Hunt, R. Patton, R. Davy, B. Adams, F. Barrett, N. Nolbo, C. McCaslin.

BOTTOM ROW: N. Bergstrom, L. Burton, L. Butler, J. Adams, W. Wright, K. Rvan, M. Diefenbaugh, G. Kolbo, W. Olson, E. Jones, J. Hickman, D. McCarty, D. Ryan, J. Cole, D. Gillam, Miss Smith.

II and III

TOP ROW: J. Ragsdale, G. Gillam, M. Goodner, C. Olson, J. Krueger, K. Esch, B. Hickman, N. Scott.

MIDDLE ROW: G. Stevens, M. Seegar, L. McCarty, D. Worth, B. Rodd, J. Barrett, I. Hunt, D. Grantsinger, T. Butterfield, O. Weatherly, R. Martin.

BOTTOM ROW: Miss Emerson, J. Ryan, B. McCaslin, B. Patton, C. Eng, L. Sittler, B. Nida, T. Ryan, L. McCarty, D. Rama, E. Yeck, J. Ryan.

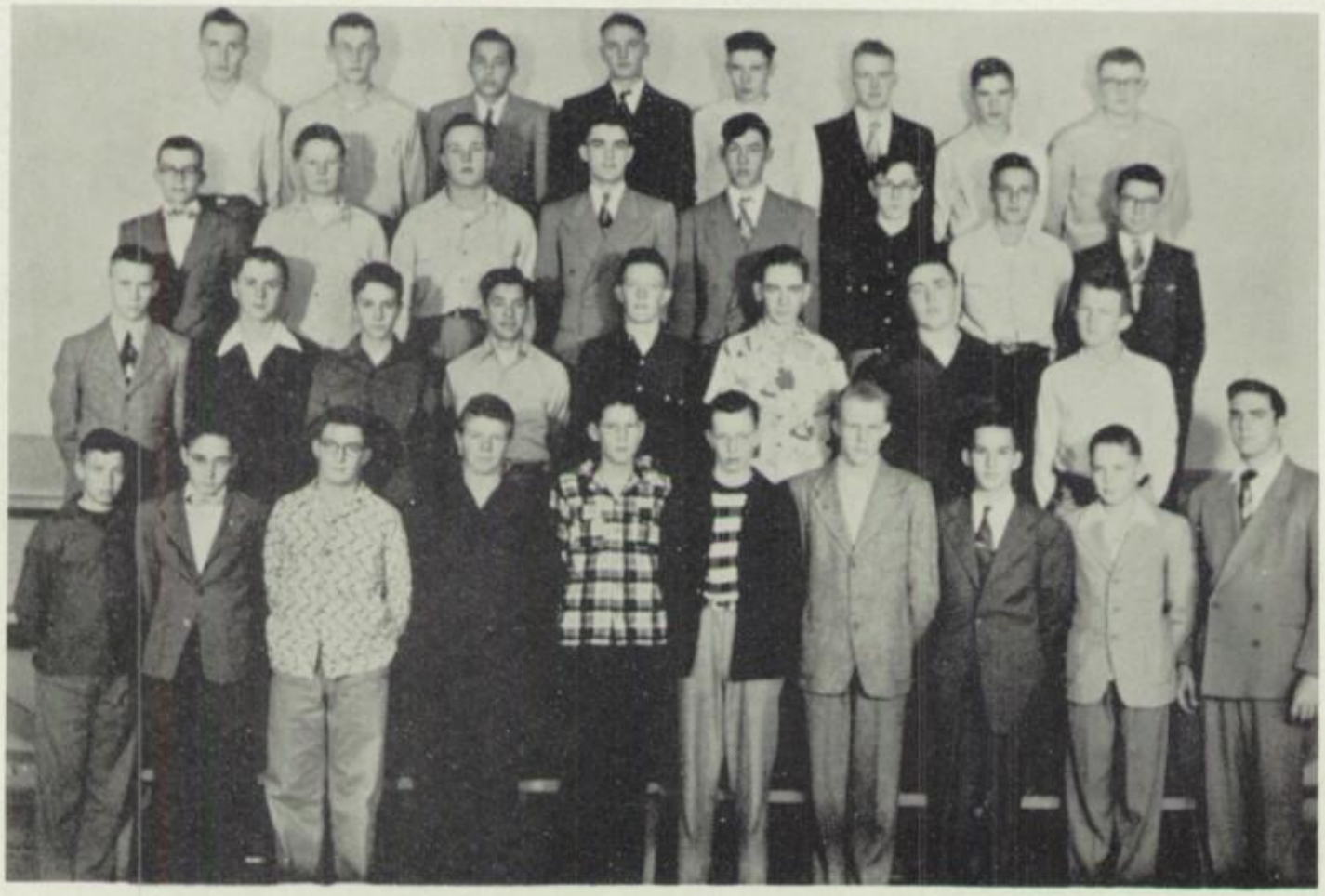
ACTIVITIES

STANDING: Deloris Manuel, Janet Polreich, Barbara Kinnish, Shirley Gehrman, Leona Seevers, Mrs. Manning, LaDonna Sells, Joe Evans, Elaine Seevers, Bernard Manning.
SEATED: Glee Harrold, Viola Anderson, Ruth Stevens, Pat McCarty, Dorothy Barrett.

The Future

Teachers

Boys' Glee Club



FOURTH ROW: E. Seevers, J. Souders, W. Wagner, M. Olson, B. Bailey, E. Franssen, C. Koeffler, V. Souders.

THIRD ROW: R. Kennedy, D. Malcom, I. Geiser, F. Manning, K. Miller, B. Manning, K. Leibhart, J. Brewer.

SECOND ROW: D. Hicks, G. Koeffler, R. Lauer, E. Seeger, D. Weatherly, K. Nachtman, J. Evans, W. Booton.

FIRST ROW: L. Fritz (deceased), D. Meinhardt, B. Hircock, D. Worth, B. Bigbee, D. Graybeal, J. Manning, R. Goodner, D. Williams, B. Rischling.

Boys' Quartette

D. Meinhardt, R. Goodner, R. Kennedy, E. Franssen.

Girls' Glee Club

Mixed Glee Club

The glee club is made up of 21 female voices with Dona Davy as piano accompanist. The glee club has a daily practice period. They are rehearsing several numbers which they will do for the spring concert, and district contest. In the past number of years they have rated both superior and excellent ratings. Standing in the picture are as follows:

THIRD ROW: Patsy Barrett, Sharon Davolt, Leona Seevers, Elaine Seevers, Winnie Hickman, Dorothy Barrett, and Viola Anderson.

SECOND ROW: La Donna Sells, Ruth Stevens, Ardis Sterner, Wanda Weatherly, Kay Hall, Pat McCarty, Arlene Barrett, and Mary K. Downey.

FIRST ROW: Dona Davy, Shirley Hirsch, Barbara Yeck, Shirley Gehrman, Shirley Lauer, Joyce Sells, Carolyn Anderson, and Mr. Rischling.

Director: Mr. Rischling

Merna has a very good mixed chorus which has been formed for the past three years. This year it is well in the line for another successful year. It is the combination of the Girls' and Boys' Glee Club. It is made up of fifty-one voices. This year they have not presented any public concert due to the weather conditions which prevailed on the date that was scheduled. Standing in the picture are as follows:

FOURTH ROW: Barbara Yeck, Ardis Sterner, Shirley Hirsch, Ruth Stevens, Viola Anderson, Bill Bailey, Marion Olson, Willie Wagner, Keith Leibhart, Karl Koeffler, Bernard Manning, Junior Souders, and Jim Souders.

THIRD ROW: Sharon Davolt, Leona Seevers, Elaine Seevers, Winnie Hickman, Dorothy Barrett, John Brewer, Ivan Geiser, Eddie Franssen, Elwood Seevers, Franklyn Manning, Karl Miller, and Dick Hicks.

SECOND ROW: Patsy Barrett, La Donna Sells, Wanda Weatherly, Kay Hall, Pat McCarty, Arlene Barrett, Robert Goodner, Jerry Manning, Dick Graybeal, Bill Bigbee, Joe Evans, Roger Kennedy, Wayne Booton, Dick Worth, and David Weatherly.

FIRST ROW: Shirley Gehrman, Donna Davy, Shirley Lauer, Joyce Sells, Carolyn Anderson, Mary K. Downey, Kenneth Natchman, Billy Dean Hircock, Ervin Seeger, Glenn Koeffler, Derl Malcom, Richard Lauer, Dale Williams, Dale Meinhardt, and Lyle Fritz (deceased).

Senior Band

Junior Band

The music department has organized two bands this year to accomodate the large percentage of students that wish to play an instrument. They are Junior and Senior bands. The Senior band began its successful year early in September by marching and playing at football games. The pep band is also formed to play at basketball games. When both bands are put together there will be a combined personnel of 54 members. The band has rated both superior and excellent ratings at the contests. Standing in the Senior band are as follows:

THIRD ROW: Dwaine Lauer, Ronald Thomas, Elaine Seevers, Joyce Sells, Jerry Manning, Ruth Stevens, Ardis Sterner, Shirley Lauer, and Jeanne Grantzinger.

SECOND ROW: Sharon Davolt, Kay Hall, Junior Souders, Bernard Manning, Eulalia Butler, Donna Davy, La Donna Sells, Judy Hicks, and Mr. Rischling.

FIRST ROW: James Souders, Dale Williams, Roger Kennedy, Arlene Barrett, Pat McCarty, Marion Yeck, Shirley Gehrman, Ervin Seeger, and Dwight Davy.

The three drum majoretts are as follows:
Viola Anderson, Wanda Weatherly, and Carolyn Anderson.

The Junior band which is progressing very rapidly and will have a good band before the spring concerts. Standing and seating in the picture are as follows:

THIRD ROW: Mr. Rischling, Jerry Bigbee, Courtis Martin, Jean Clay, Winnie Hickman, Gerald Cody, Jimmy Worth, Carl Koeffler, Bill Bigbee, Keith Leibhart, Johnny Christensen, and Kenneth Olson.

SECOND ROW: Darlene Cantrell, Raymond Hickman, Paula Ragsdale, Charlotte Thomas, and Rose Olson.

FRONT ROW: Lynda Safranek, Betty Downey, Mary Cody, Anna Marie Williams, Glenn Rodd, Dale Meinhardt, Patsy Barrett, Sharlene Gehrman, Charlene Sells, Donald Stevens, Wayne Booton, Richard Lauer, and Kenneth Natchman.

The instructor of both bands is Mr. Bill Rischling.

Lads and Lasses

In Classes

Christmas Party

Here

Comes

Santa Claus

Pep Club

BACK ROW: E. Seevers, W. Weatherly, A. Sterner, B. Kinnish, P. McCarty, J. Pohlreich, B. Yeck, D. Mannel, V. Anderson.
MIDDLE ROW: M. Downey, J. Harrold, L. Sells, L. Seevers, J. Grantzinger, S. Gehrman, D. Barrett, D. Davy, W. Hickman, P. Barrett, M. Bitner.
FRONT ROW: C. Anderson, A. McCaslin, S. Davolt, K. Hall, B. Manning, J. Sells, G. Harrold, S. Lauer, I. Jones.
CHEERLEADERS: S. Hirsch, A. Barrett, R. Stevens.

The Merna Pep Club, consisting of thirty-one members, organized in September, 1951-1952.

The officers elected for the year were as follows:

President . . . . . LaDonna Sells
Vice-President. . . . . Glee Harrold
Secretary . . . . . Elaine Seevers
Treasurer . . . . . Pat McCarty
Sponsor. . . . . Miss Mary Bitner

Uniforms were the same as the previous year. New members and the girls requiring new uniforms got circular skirts made of red Indian Head cloth.

Three boys who could not participate in atheletics joined and helped support the Pep Club. They were Bernard Manning, Roger Farnham, and Dale Meinhardt.

Last year the Pep Club earned enough money to buy a popcorn popper for the Pep Club.

Hi There

Oh!

Initiation Strangers

Make That Basket

Swimming ?

Just Talking

Cheerleader

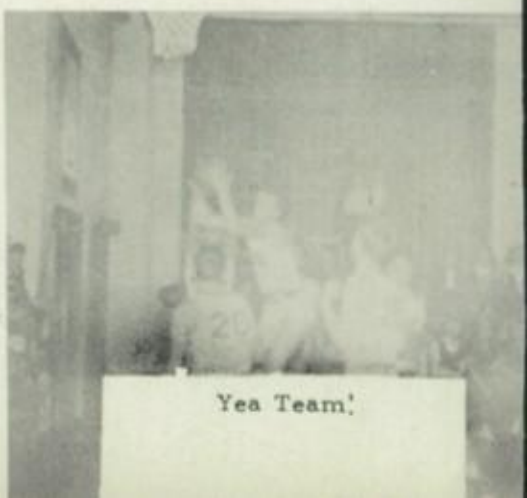
Couple Of Sophomores

How's The Coffee?

Where Have You Been????

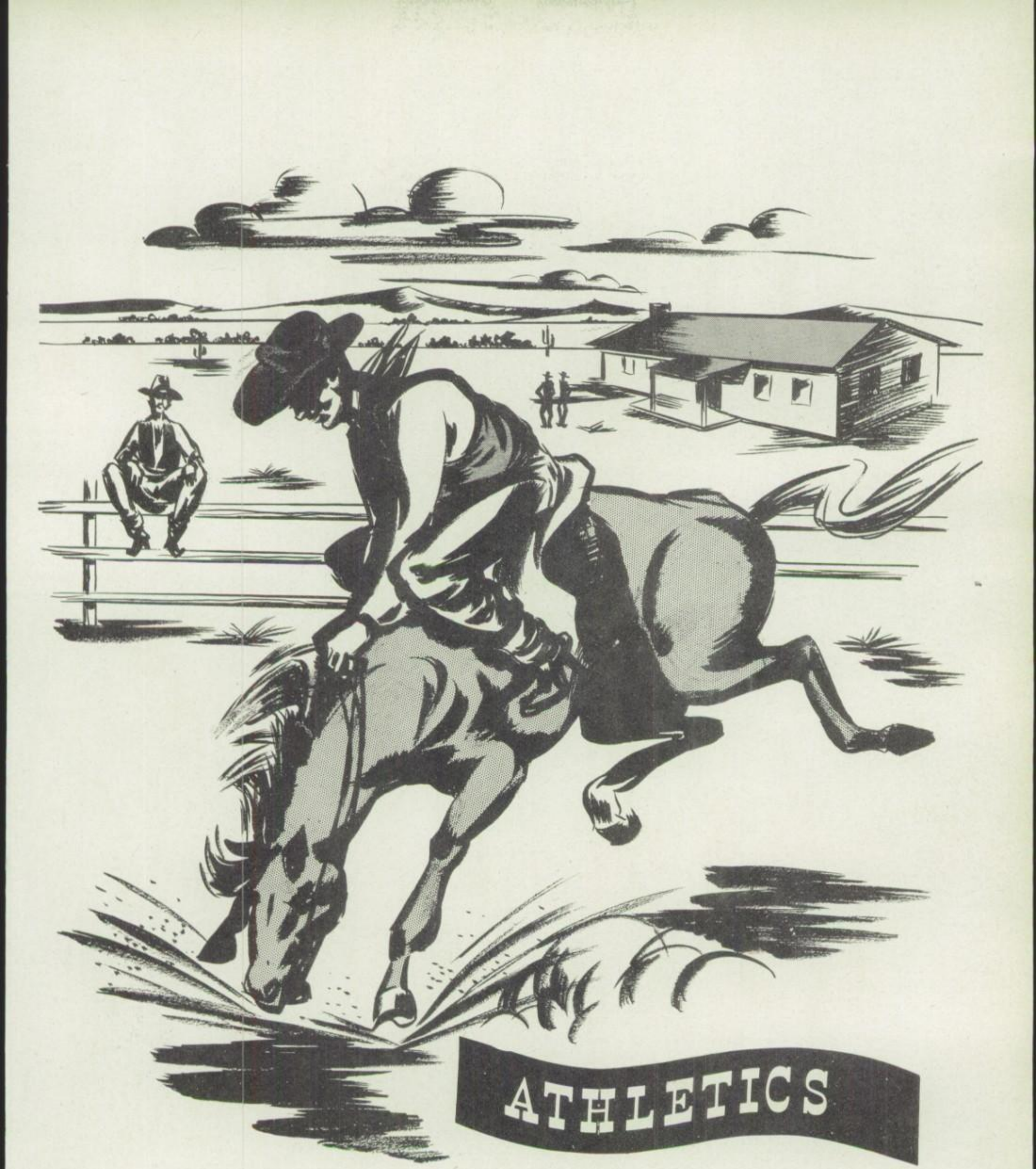
Good Morning?

Green Freshies



Best Of Friends

Yea Team!


ATHLETICS

"M" Club

TOP ROW: Carl Koeffler, Marion Olson, James Souders, Bill Bailey, Ed Franssen.
MIDDLE ROW: Billy Dean Hircock, David Weatherly, Karl Miller, Franklyn Manning, Elwood Seevers, Cecil Jacobson (Supervisor).
FRONT ROW: John Brewer, Ervin Seeger, Ivan Geiser, Dick Hicks, Robert Goodner.

President . . . . . .Ivan Geiser
Vice-President. . Ervin Seeger
Secretary-Treasurer. . . . . .
Dick Hicks

"M" Club, an organization of boys, who lettered in sports was again sponsored this year. Ed Franssen, Robert Goodner, Billy Dean Hircock, and Carl Koeffler were new members who were initiated into the club November 20, 1951. These members dressed as comical people for two days. A party was given by the rest of the "M" Club to complete the initiation. The "M" Club also sponsored Color Day.

Queen

of 1951-'52

On December 14, 1951, Ruth Stevens was crowned Color Day Queen of Merna High School. The queen was chosen from the Senior girls by voting of the student body. Her attendants, one from each class, were also elected by the student body.

Every member of the high school appeared in the school colors. Two prizes were given for the best dressed students. Donna Davy, Bernard Manning, and Dale Williams won these prizes.

Arlene Barrett, Senior attendant, was escorted by Jim Souders. Viola Anderson, Junior attendant, was escorted by David Weatherly. Shirley Hirsch, Sophomore attendant, was escorted by Franklyn Manning. Patsy Barrett, Freshman attendant, was escorted by Roger Kennedy. Escorts were chosen by the girls.

John Brewer was the king and crowned the queen at the half of the first team game.

Ivan Geiser, President of the "M" Club presented Ruth Stevens with a corsage of red roses on behalf of the club.

Color

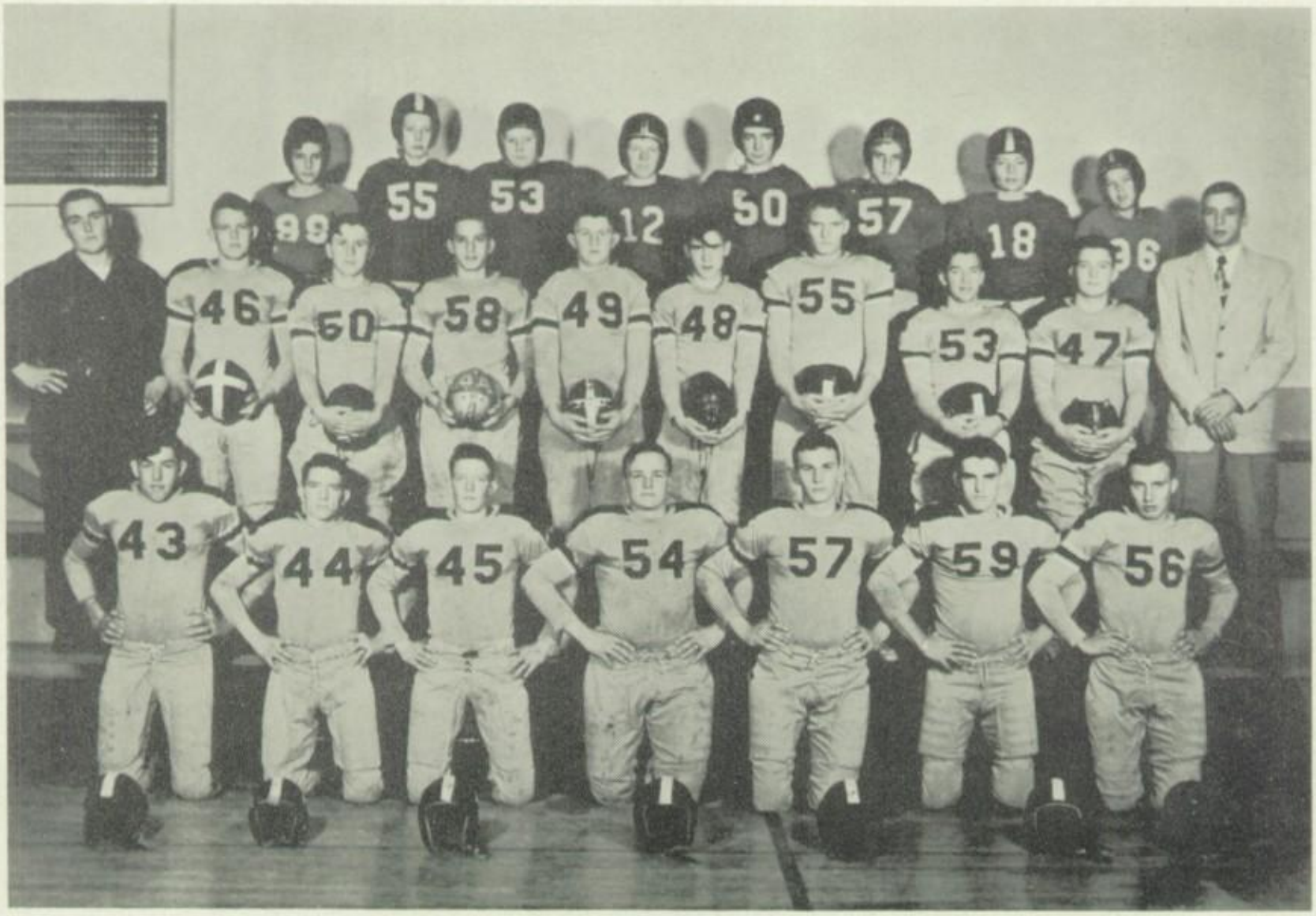
Day

Attendants

Winners

Throne

Six-Man Football Squad



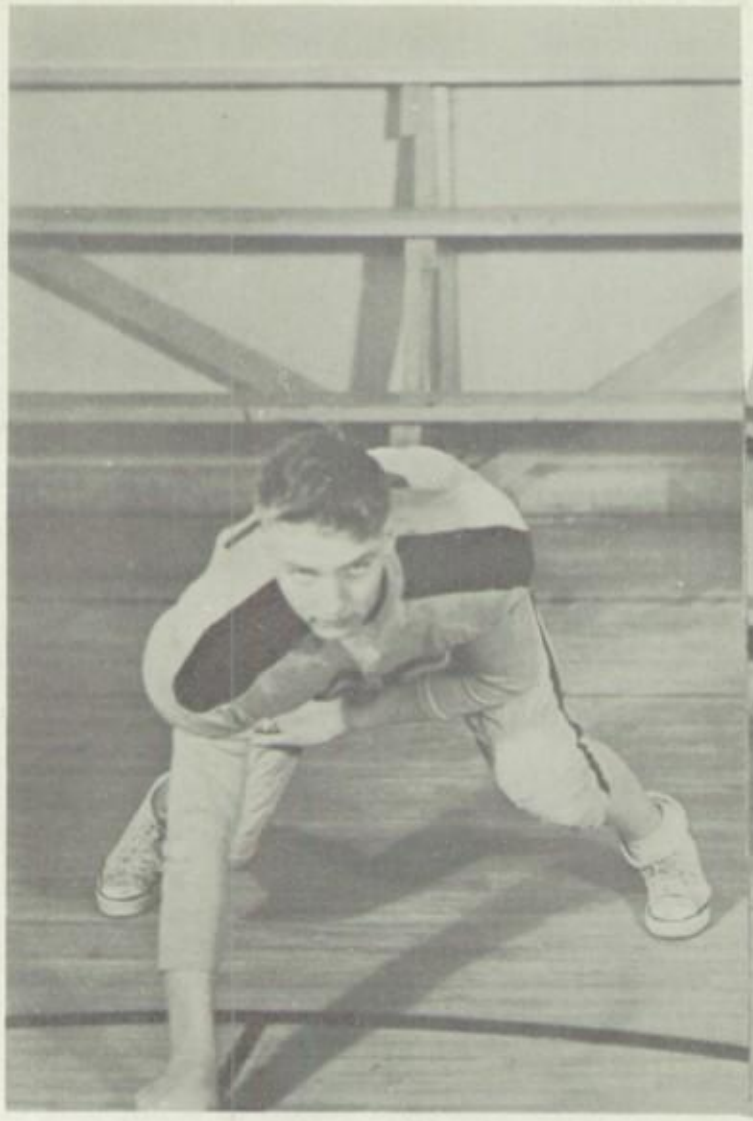
BACK ROW: Richard Lauer, Dick Graybeal, Derl Malcom, Dick Worth, Kenneth Nachtman, Keith Leibhart, Roger Kennedy, (Lyle Fritz, deceased.)

MIDDLE ROW: Student Manager Joe Evans, Ed Franssen, Glen Keoffler, Robert Goodner, Vernon Souders, Carl Keoffler, Marion Olson, Ervin Seeger, Billy Dean Hircock, Coach Cecil Jacobson.

FRONT ROW: Karl Miller, John Brewer, David Weatherly, Ivan Gieser, James Souders, Franklyn Manning, Elwood Seevers.

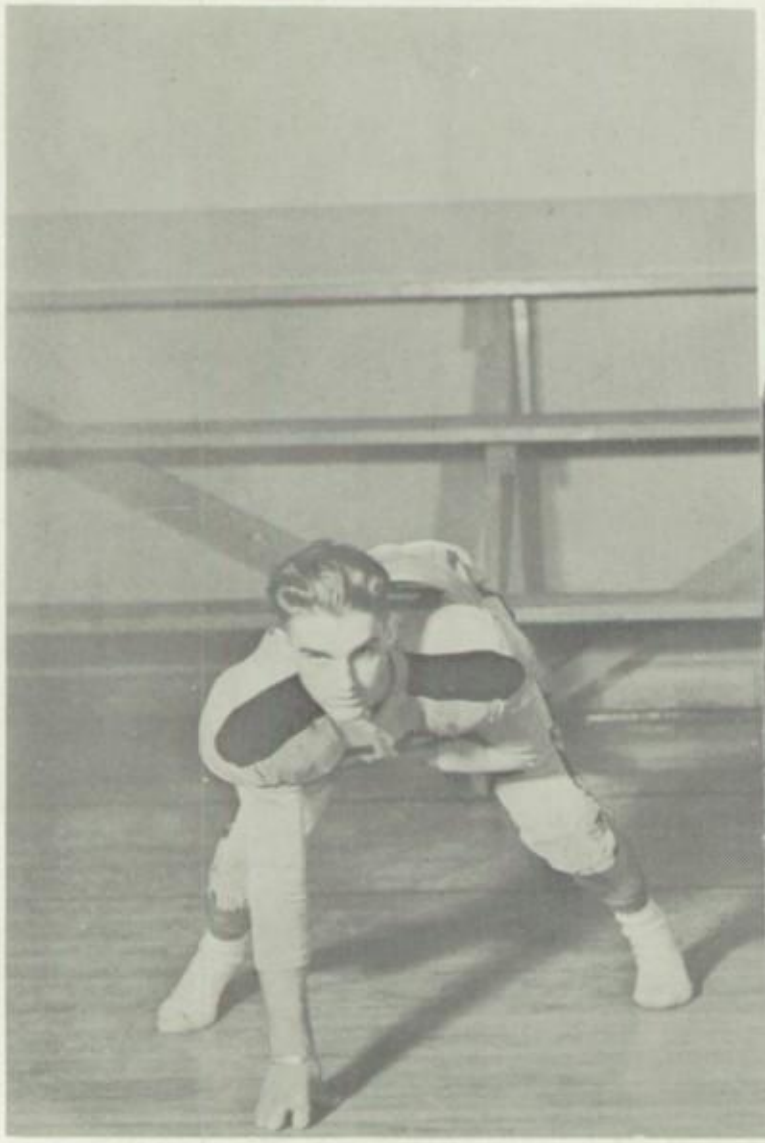
Merna's 1951 football team came out with one win and six losses. The fact that this was Merna's first year at six man football was a disadvantage as an unexperienced team.

Anselmo	6	Merna	2
West Kearny	19	Merna	12
Oconto	20	Merna	41
Palmer	32	Merna	0
North Loup	20	Merna	0
Stapleton	34	Merna	10
Sumner	47	Merna	0



MARION OLSON
Center

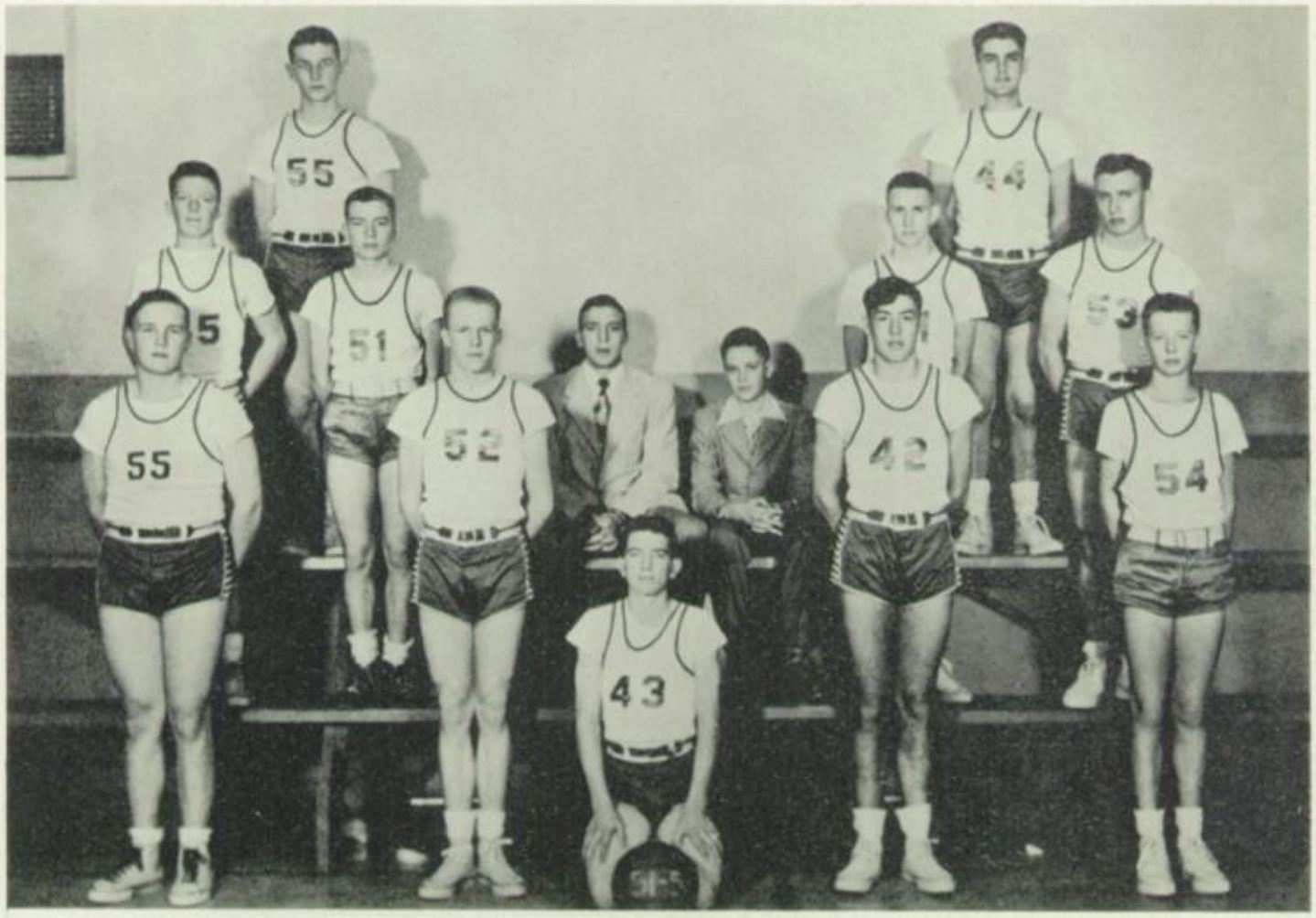
KARL MILLER
Halfback



FRANKLYN MANNING
Halfback

JOHN BREWER
Quarterback

Varsity Basketball Squad



Basketball Squad

The Merna Basketball team of 1951-52 was banking on five lettermen from the year before. Although they were not very tall, what they lacked in height, they had in initiative. They started out the season very successful by defeating Mason City 43-19, at Mason City.

The next game was one of the Coyotes dread to see come every year, the game with their jinx Comstock. The Merna boys seemed only to make mistakes as Comstock won 38-25.

Callaway was the next victim of the Merna five at the annual celebration of 'Color Day'. The score was 40 to 26 in favor of the home team, and Ruth Stevens was crowned queen of 1951-52.

Merna then met the always strong Arnold five on the home floor. This proved to be a very exciting game with Arnold leading at the end 41-38. This was the last game until after Christmas vacation.

Then Merna came back after Christmas vacation and met their old rivals Anselmo in one of the roughest games of the year. Anselmo led all the way and when the buzzer sounded the score was Anselmo 41, Merna 33.

One of the games which has always proved exciting for the Merna fans is the game with Mullen. Merna got off to a slow start and Mullen was off to a fast one, but at the end of the game Merna had caught up with Bronco's, but they won the game 43-40.

The Merna five again played Arnold in a very fast game in which Arnold won 56-41.

Merna went to Oconto on January 25, where they defeated the Oconto quintet 37-31.

Then the Broken Bow reserves came to Merna and fell in defeat to the Merna boys 45-43.

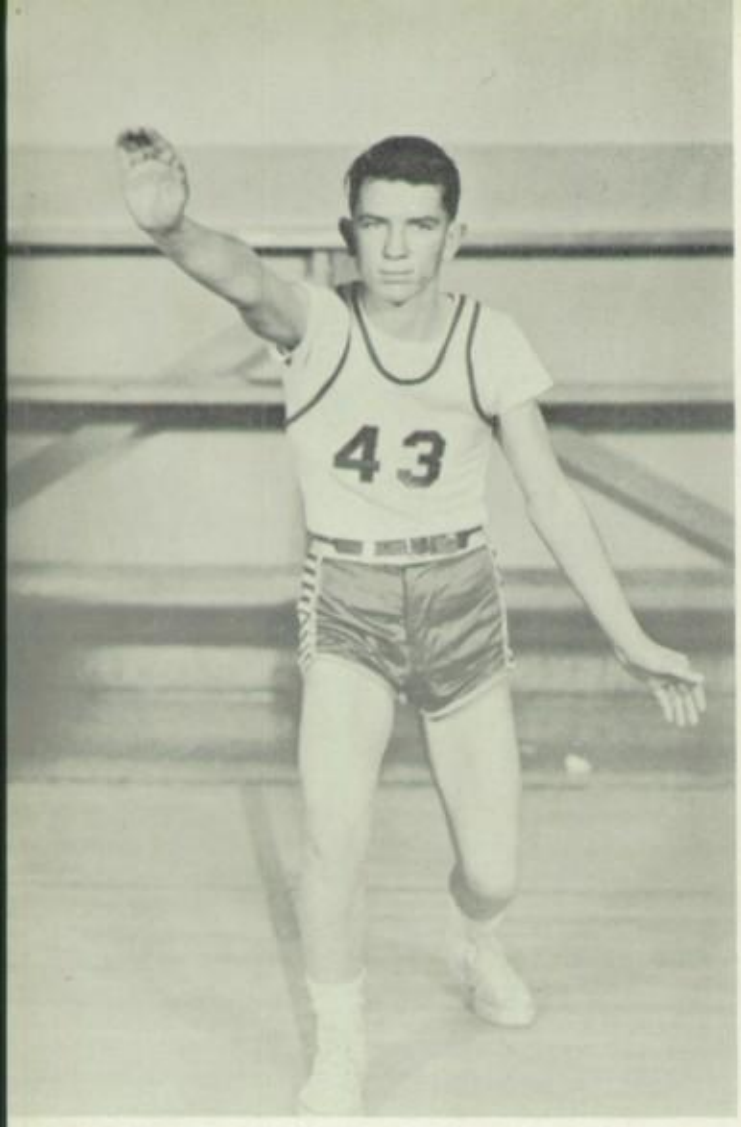
Mason City was Merna's next victim as they trounced them soundly 51-35.

The Anselmo Eagles came to Merna and stopped a three game winning streak by defeating the Coyotes 47-34.

Merna then went to Sargent for their worst defeat of the season. The tall and fast Sargent team defeated the Merna five 76-23.

The Custer County Tournament was February 12 to 15 at Broken Bow. Merna won their first game by defeating Callaway 44 to 43 in a thriller. Then the second night they lost to Arnold 71 to 49. The Ansley Warriors defeated the Merna boys 55-38 for third place.

The Merna quintet had one regular game left with Mullen when this book went to press and the District Tournament February 27 to 29, at Anselmo where they play Brady.



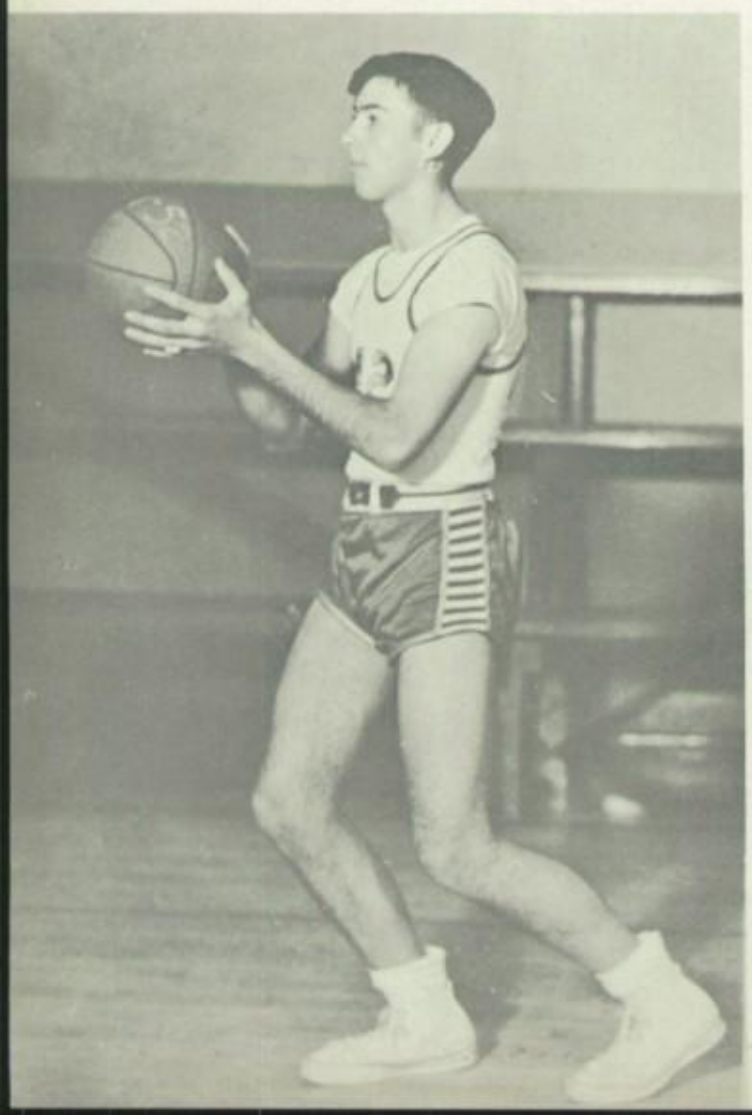
JOHN BREWER
3 years-Guard

DICK HICKS
3 years-Forward

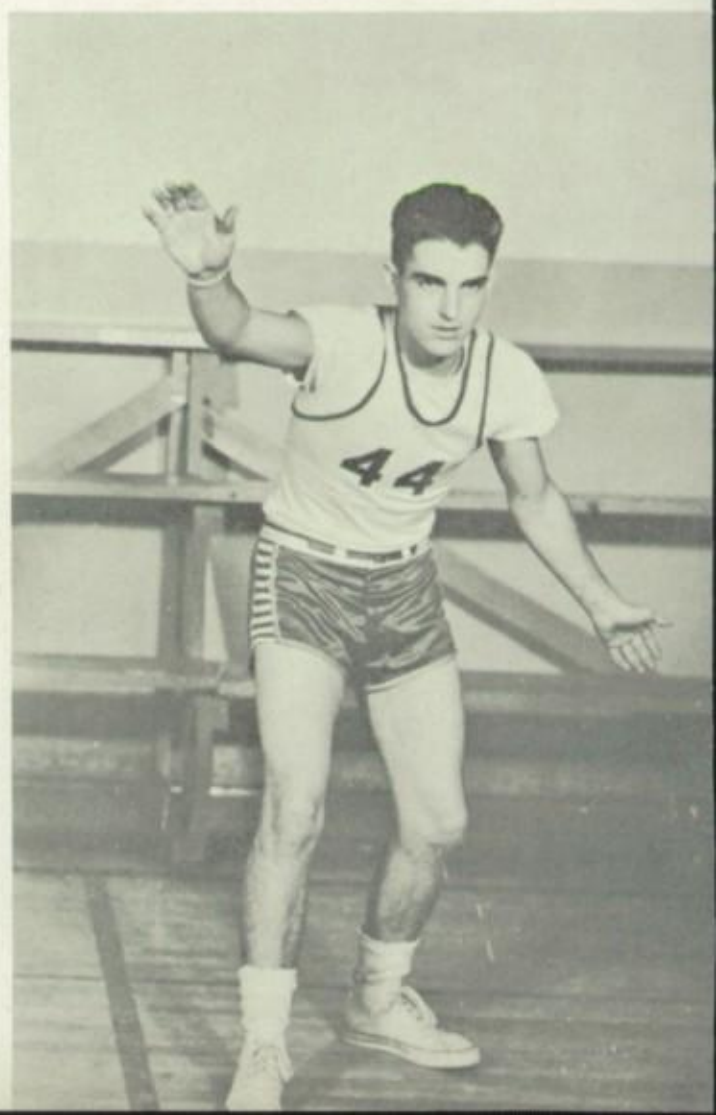
Senior

Letter Winners

KARL MILLER
2 years-Center



FRANKLYN MANNING
2 years-Forward-Guard



Grade Basketball Squad

TOP ROW: K. Olson, F. Hircock, E. Jones, G. Grantzinger, M. Yeck, B. McCarthy, G. Rodd.
BOTTOM ROW: D. Davy, L. Weatherly, R. Hickman, D. Lauer, G. Cody, R. Thomas, J. Bigbee, D. Hickman, Coach: Mr. Rischling.

The grade school basketball team, consisting of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders, was coached by Mr. Wm. Rischling. They held their practice sessions from 1:15 to 2:15 every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The fact that this was the first year of basketball for some of the boys and that they weren't very tall didn't seem to hinder their spirits any, because what they lacked in height they made up in school spirit. Their regular schedule was interrupted by the weather but they played the following games.

Merna 6 vs. Arnold 25

Merna 16 vs. Callaway 28

Merna 16 vs. Anselmo 24

Merna 11 vs. Arnold 21

Volleyball Team

Senior Volleyball

Volleyball

Volleyball practice began with 23 girls reporting to Mr. Adams for practice. The girls practiced for a few weeks and played their first game at Mason City. The score of the games were as follows:

Mason City	40	Merna	21
Callaway	23	Merna	43
Anselmo	28	Merna	27
Oconto	25	Merna	66

The games to be played are:

Mason City . . . . . February 1
Anselmo. . . . . February 5

The girls in the picture are as follows:

THIRD ROW: J. Harrold, A. McCaslin, D. Davy, S. Hirsch, K. Hall, S. Gehrman, W. Weatherly.
SECOND ROW: M. Downey, A. Sterner, G. Harrold, V. Anderson, D. Barrett, J. Sells, S. Davolt, W. Hickman, D. Mannel.
FIRST ROW: Mr. Adams, L. Sells, A. Barrett, P. Barrett, J. Polreich, R. Stevens, L. Seevers, E. Seevers, S. Lauer.

The Senior girls are:
LaDonna Sells, Arlene Barrett, Glee Harrold, Ruth Stevens, and Elaine Seevers.

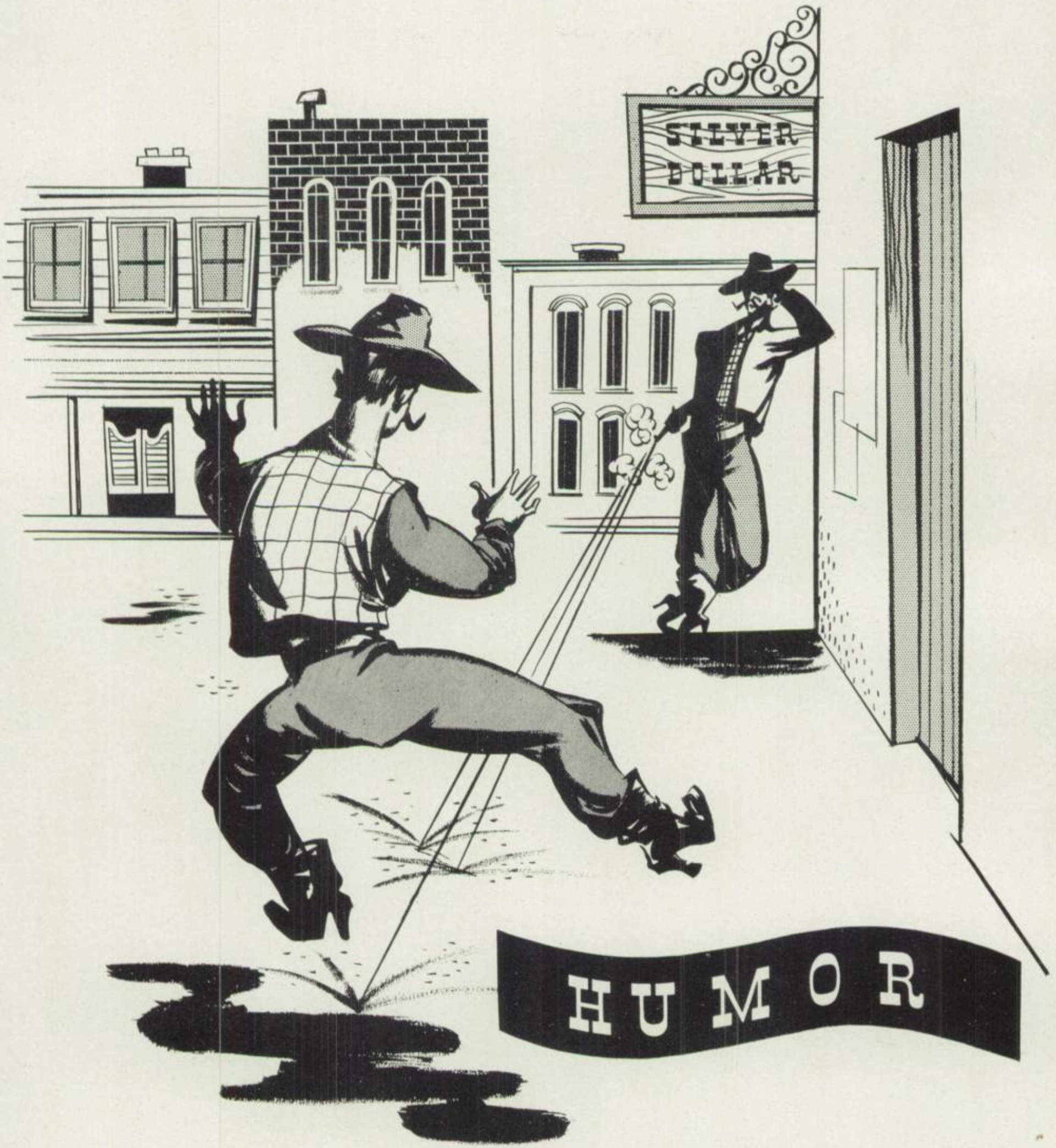
The girls practiced on Tuesday mornings until 9:30, on Wednesday from 12:45 to 1:15, and on Thursday the last period from 3:15 to 4:00 o'clock. The girls also had the gynasium during the noon hour.

When the games were out of town, the girls provided their own transportation. The parents provided cars and girls always had ways provided for them.

Mr. Adams served as coach of the girls' volleyball.

These games were played before annual went to press:

Merna	43	Sargent	28
Merna	41	Anselmo	30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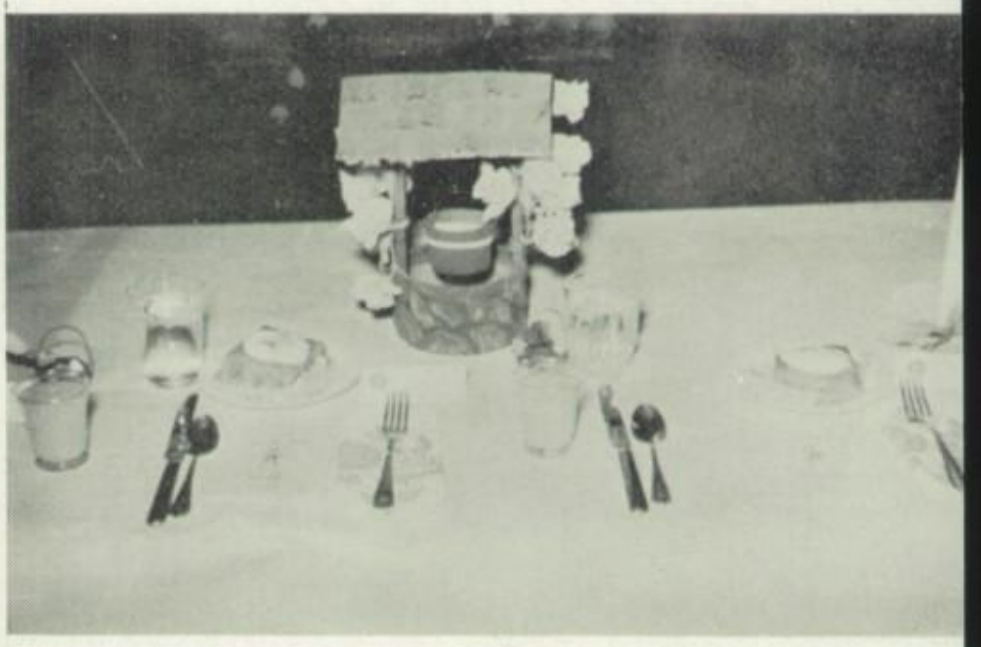

Junior

Senior

Banquet

As They Are Now and As They Were Then ---

District 74

SCHOOL MATES

From
Coquettishness
To Dignity

From a Frown
To a Smile

What! No hair?
How it has grown

NOW SO THIN

Still bashful, but the
same winning smile

His smile grew as
he grew

ONCE SO CHUBBY

From Snow Suits To Formals

From Short Skirts To Neckties And Shirts

Still Strong And Mighty

ARLENE BARRETT

On September 14, 1934, there was a wild chase around the Barrett home. Why? They were getting ready for the arrival of a new member in the family. This was Arlene. Arlene was born on a farm about six miles west and south of Merna. Ever since she was big enough to eat Arlene has liked to eat ice cream and listen to the song "Silver Bells." She leads a very active life. If you don't find her drawing or typing, she will be playing volleyball.

Arlene feels pretty good about graduating, but I don't know why, for she said her ambition was to go to college.

Arlene has light brown hair, blue eyes, and her height is about five feet, two inches. Her favorite movie stars are Esther Williams and Bing Crosby. Her favorite color is green. Her most common expression is "WHO, ME" and her most embarrassing moment is when she saw a picture taken of her, while dressing. Her pet peeve is people swiping her pencils. She has many happy memories and her happiest ones are her high school days.

JOHN BREWER

It was a cold December day, when the Brewer family's youngest son arrived. He had dark hair and blue eyes. It was on December 22, 1934, and the place was Denver, Colorado. He was named after his grandfather, David Brewer. He has attended schools at Arnold, and Merna. He started and completed his high school at Merna. His happiest time in high school was when he didn't get a detention for a month. In his leisure time you will find him sleeping; while getting out of work is his hobby. He says his favorite food is cherry pie and his song is "South". His best liked subjects in school were journalism and algebra. His favorite movie actors and actresses are John Wayne and Doris Day. When asked his ambition he said, "I have none, as Uncle Sam wants me." His favorite sport is basketball; his holiday is Christmas. He claims his pet peeve is women drivers and he says he feels happy about graduating.

VIRGINIA ELAINE SEEVERS

Virginia Elaine Seevers was born January 12, 1934, on a farm near Merna, Nebraska during a very bad blizzard. Elaine attended school in California, Sunshine and Merna. Her favorite sports are volleyball and basketball. When asked her most embarrassing moment she referred to a time when she was peeking through the key-hole of a business office and the manager stepped out. She likes to spend leisure time reading, playing the piano, and going to movies. Her favorite food is fried chicken and her favorite songs are "Too Young" and "Turn Back The Hands of Time". Her favorite holiday is Christmas and her pet peeve is being told she should eat more. Elaine said she would dread graduation, but she would be rather relieved to be out of school. She will miss typing and English which are her favorite subjects; but she will have more time to collect match covers, which is her hobby. Elaine believes she received her name from the famous Tennyson story, Lancelot and Elaine. There are several high school boys who could be substituted for Lancelot. This may be the reason Elaine has always enjoyed school. She said, "I believe my Senior year has the happiest memories of all."

DICK HICKS

In the city of Kearney, Nebraska, on June 13, 1934, the Richard Hicks family welcomed their first son. They named him Richard Ray Hicks after his father. Dick's favorite sport is basketball and he likes to watch a good football game. His favorite subject is algebra. This brown haired and blue eyed person says his favorite hobby is girls and in his spare time you will always find him in the cafe talking with them. His favorite food is banana cream pie, and his favorite song is "Jezebel". Snooty people is his main pet peeve and one can always hear him saying "Oh, Heck." He relates his happiest memory was when he received all of his English credits. His most embarrassing moment was when he went into the girls rest room in Callaway. Dick finds John Wayne to be his favorite movie actor and says that Christmas is his favorite holiday. Dick began his school days at Kearney where he went during his primary year. He then went to Denver for the next four years, followed by the next two years in California. He started and completed his high school days at Merna. About graduation he doesn't have much to say. His ambition is to become a rancher.

KARL DUANE MILLER

The first day of December, 1933, was happy day in the Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller home because a little bundle of joy was delivered to them. Did I say joy? I meant Karl. This tall dark headed Senior started on his pursuit of an education at Spring Creek. After he had worn this school out he went to Broken Bow, Ortello, Anselmo, and last but not least, Merna. All through his 12 years in school he has stuck by English as his favorite subject. He seems to try and divide his spare time between Elaine and horses, but his hobby is devoted to horses. He remembers very well the first time he ripped a pair of pants at school. Getting a licking every day when he went to grade school also seems to stand out in his mind. Karl likes to sit with Elaine, listen to his favorite song, "Bluebird Island," and try to concentrate on eating pie and ice cream which is his favorite food. His favorite expression is "Oh Heck."

RUTH STEVENS

On December 18, 1934, in Merna, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Stevens were blessed with a baby girl. She had grey eyes, dark hair and she was full of pep. Her uncle decided that Ruth Janette would be her name. Getting caught swiping watermelons was one of her childhood experiences. Among her memories was going to girls' state and being crowned Color Day queen. Her most embarrassing moment was when she fell into a mud puddle while trying to ride a horse. Her favorite subjects are algebra and journalism while her teacher is Mrs. Manning. She finds basketball and volleyball as her two favorite sports. In her spare time she works and attends the movies. While attending the movies she particularly likes to see Doris Day on the screen. In any other spare time she has and likes to listen to her favorite songs, "Twelfth Street Rag" and "Too Young". Her favorite food is a big dish of ice cream. She has taken up a very interesting hobby of collecting match book covers. Stuck up people is her pet peeve and her favorite color is red. Her favorite expression is "Oh Sugar" and the class play was her favorite curricular activity. Her ambition is to be a success in whatever she does. She does not want to graduate because she is having too much fun in school.

REBA LA DONNA SELLS

It was back in 1934 on October 27, when the stork delivered a bundle weighing 5 pounds. It was delivered to the Mr. and Mrs. George Sells home on the West Table of Merna, Nebraska. When La Donna was four and a half years of age she started to school in the kindergarten at Anselmo, Nebraska. La Donna found she was going to like school very much so she decided to come to Merna until the sixth grade and then moved to South Dakota where she went to Serry School until she was in the eighth grade. She then decided to come back to Merna and has attended school in Merna since that time. La Donna's happiest days of high school were when she received her rings and when Bruce Cole was still attending school. La Donna spends most of her spare time with Bruce and working in the drug store. She has a hobby of collecting empty perfume bottles and has nearly two hundred of them now. She likes football and base-ball very much and spends her extra time playing music. Her favorite movie actress is June Allyson and her favorite movie actor is Randolph Scott. She likes to hear the songs "Slow Poke" and "Button Up Your Overcoat" best. Her favorite food is T-Bone Steak and her favorite colors are blue and yellow. Her happiest experience in grade school was when she was chosen May Queen. Her pet peeve is people who break off her pencil leads when she is in a hurry. She earned her first dollar working in the drug store. La Donna has liked school very much and will hate to leave school although she has much to look forward to; as her two ambitions are to get married and teach school.

FRANKLYN MANNING

On April 2, 1934, in a little sod house 4 1/2 miles southeast of Merna, Paul and Alice Manning were surprised when their second child was a bouncing boy. He was given the name of Franklyn after his grandfather Manning. He had many childhood experiences but the one he remembers most was the time he set the haystack behind their house on fire. He started to school in Merna but left to attend District 92 from grades 3 to 7. He then returned to Merna to finish his happy school days. His favorite past time is going to the movies, but he also finds time to enjoy biology, algebra, and journalism while at school. He thinks Mrs. Manning was his favorite teacher even if she did make him slave and get his lessons done. He considers stuck up girls his pet peeve, but with Christmas his best enjoyed holiday he forgets all his troubles with women. Franklyn has an appetite for both food and women. To satisfy his appetite for food he eats graham cracker pie and fried chicken while a date with Shirley Hirsch ends his woman troubles. Football and basketball are his favorite sports, but he found pleasure in the class plays. He also likes to sing "Morning Side of the Mountain" or "Too Young", but when talking his most used expression is "Oh Beans". Among his most embarrassing moments was the time Mr. Adams found Franklyn wrestling with some boys in the laboratory. His face turned red, but he didn't mind as red is his favorite color. His happiest memory was the night he met Shirley Hirsch watermelon swiping and he dreads graduating. His only ambition is to be a success.

MARION OLSON

This mischievous, happy-go-lucky fellow stands at five feet, eleven inches and tops the scales at one hundred, eighty pounds. He was born August 24, 1935 at Merna, Nebraska. He must be a good student because he said he liked mathematics and geography. He likes two of America's favorite sports, football and baseball, in which he has taken part for a number of years. When asked what was the happiest memory of his school years he remarked, "The last day of school every year." This surely wasn't because he didn't like school, probably it was because he liked picnics so well. It seems like this guy had just one embarrassing moment in his life and that was Freshman initiation. I wonder how that could have been embarrassing? Did I say he liked school? That must have been an error because he said his pet peeve was teachers! When asked what he did in his leisure time, he said "huh," that being his favorite expression, and then added that he liked to sleep when he had any leisure time. You're probably wondering how his short fellow got to weigh so much, but if you asked him what his favorite food was he would say fried chicken. Now do you wonder how he got to weigh one hundred, eighty pounds. For his extra curricular activities he likes singing and his favorite song is "At The End of a Perfect Day". When asked how he felt about graduation, he stated that he was glad to see it come and his only ambition after he graduated was to be a success in life. Oh! I guess I have omitted one thing to make this little story complete and that was to tell you this fellow's name. Well, it's Marion Olson, a Senior at Merna High School.

STANLEY YOUNG

A sandy colored hair boy first opened his blue eyes in Oregon City, Oregon, on May 22, 1934, to see his parents Mr. and Mrs. Dale Young. The name Stanley Dale was given to him. He has never figured out where his parents got this name. Stanley said he had many childhood experiences which he would never forget although he did not say what they were. This lad picked Marysville School in Portland, Oregon to begin his school days. He has attended Gates, Broken Bow, Curtiss (U. N. S. A.), and last but not least to finish his high school days, Merna. All through these past twelve years he has found mathematics his favorite subject, while his ambition is to graduate. He likes to listen to the songs "Baby It's Cold Outside" and "Meandering" while eating his favorite dish, "Chop Suey". He likes to go to Broken Bow to see a certain Senior during his leisure time. On his way to a baseball game, his special liked sport, one could probably hear him saying "Hi Ya Toots". When he isn't at baseball games you can find him working at his hobby, leather tooling. He said he really enjoys playing in the band. Stanley said he liked girls, especially one, although when asked his favorite movie star he replied, "Gary Cooper, of course". Lavendar is the color that catches the eye of this tall Senior. "High heels and slacks!" he said sternly, when asked his pet peeve. When asked about graduating, he just frowned and scratched his head and replied, "I just don't feel too sure about it."

PATRICIA McCARTY

On August 18, 1934 a little bundle of joy was delivered to the Frank McCarty home near Merna, Nebraska. She had black hair and green eyes and her favorite uncle named her Patricia. She spent her first eight years of school in various country schools, but has spent her last four years at Merna High. Her most interesting childhood experience was getting a bicycle. She said her most embarrassing moment was when she got caught smoking behind the chicken house. Her favorite subjects are typing and journalism, and she also likes basketball and apple pie. Her happiest memory while in high school was playing hookey. Her favorite song is "Thinking of You", and her hobby is collecting magazines. She spends most of her lesiure time listening to the radio and her pet peeve is puppy love affairs. Her ambition is to travel and her favorite movie star is Tyrone Power. She likes to say "Really!" and her favorite color is blue. She has carried the bass drum around Merna for the four years of her high school career, but she still thinks music is her favorite extra curricular activity. When the interviewer asked her how she felt about graduating she said, "It can't come too soon."

GLEE HARROLD

Leona Glee Harrold made her first appearance in a little farm house near Merna on May 20, 1935. She attended Wayside, Ortello, and the Merna schools as did most of her six sisters. She had decided that her favorite subjects are algebra and general math. Her most embarrassing moment happened during her Sophomore year. While the teacher was taking roll call at school, a large sack of candy fell out of Glee's desk and scattered all over the floor. Was her face red! The sports she likes best are playing volleyball and watching basketball games. Glee feels she has little leisure time, but what time she has is spent reading books and eating popcorn. When she doesn't have popcorn to eat, she says her favorite foods are fried chicken and cherry pie. Glee said she earned her first dollar killing sparrows in the barn for her dad. Other childhood experiences included the time her sister told her she could eat another peach and her mother had said she could not. Glee ate one and received a spanking. Her favorite song is "Mr. and Mississippi" and she said she could not give a favorite expression because they were too numerous to name. She seems to prefer green to any other color and her ambition is to go on to school after she graduates. Although Glee plans to eventually teach she admits she hates to graduate and leave Merna for good. She says her favorite holiday is Christmas which can be detected by her excitement when this season draws near.

WILLIAM H. WAGNER

Willie Wagner began his life April 11, 1934, on a farm near Merna, Nebraska. His father and mother named him after his grandfather. Willie started to school at Merna and went there all eight years of grade school. He took the Freshman year at Merna and then moved to Broken Bow for the Sophomore and Junior years. He finished the Senior year with his old classmates at Merna. His ambition he says, "To be a millionaire." When Willie was asked what his favorite subject was, he said, "I like journalism best." In his spare time he likes to loaf and collect coins. Willie's pet peeve is women drivers. He likes to eat fried rabbit and listen to his favorite song, "Down Yonder". New Years is his favorite holiday and he didn't want to favor any teacher. The Wagner family consists of two girls and three boys. Willie has dark hair, skin, and big brown eyes. He appreciates basketball and football of all sports. Throughout his high school days he learned so many expressions it would be hard to choose one. The color he likes best is red and when he was asked how he felt about graduating he said, "It is wonderful."

MARY JAQUE BITNER

On a hot August day in the city of Fullerton, Nebraska, a person by the name of Mary Jaque Bitner was born. She was named both for her father and mother. When asked by the interviewer she said, "you might include that my queer middle name is pronounced as though it was spelled "Jake." She attended grade school and two years of her high school in Fullerton. She moved to Columbus to finish her high school days. She attended Hastings College and the University of Nebraska. After graduating from college she taught school in Milford one year. She then journeyed to the great school of Merna where she has taught the past two years. She claims that general math has always been her most interesting subject, so it is no wonder that she would teach this subject. Her ambition is to be a good school teacher, and her happiest day is most any day. When asked her most embarrassing moment she said, "Oh, the time I washed on Halloween, and my clothes were hung on a flag pole by someone." (Incidently, her clothes all had her names on them). The memories of her childhood was when her grandfather and she got lost in a dust storm. Her favorite food is just anything as long as it is food. For her sport she claims she likes to go swimming, while her favorite holiday is Christmas and New Years.

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